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It is reported from Antung that rinderpest has broken out in the neighbourhood of Kosen-chin, Phung-an-do, Chosen. The outbreak is said to be of a virulent type and it is spreading to several other districts along the Yalu. Though the authorities are making desperate efforts to check the disease their efforts have so far proved unavailing. On the 15th inst. cases of rinderpest were discovered in Taitung. The Government of Chosen has prohibited the export and import of cattle in North Phung-an-do.

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Kowloon, May 25, 1912

THE CHINA MAIL.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1912

NEWS OF THE DAY

Two Chinese dogs were run over by a motor-car in Des Voeux Road yesterday. One was killed outright and the other had to be dispatched by the Police.

The children of St. Andrew's Sunday School to the number of about eighty, with a few friends, spent a very enjoyable day on Saturday on the occasion of their annual picnic. Under the charge of the Chaplain, the Rev. H. O. Spink and Mr. Crowther Smith they visited Seaton, where sports were held and games played.

Mr. Gresson, of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., yesterday lost a valued little terrier, through its being run over by Motor-car No. 16 at East Point. He reported the occurrence to the police.

After the conclusion of the Gymkhana last Saturday the following ponies were sold by auction:

Fauling, .....	\$ 35
Auchindoon, .....	100
Flashpad, .....	40
Reformer, .....	135

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. R. G. Knowles, the famous comedian, has broken down in health in Manila, and has had to go into hospital to undergo an operation.

In the near future there will probably be several changes in the Admiralty list, all occasioned by the operation of the age clause. Amongst the Vice-Admirals to be promoted Admirals is Sir A. L. Winslow, F.C.S., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander in Chief of the China Station. Presumably, on advancement falling to this office, the China command will then become vacant.

BOYS' OWN CLUB

Third Athletic Meeting

The third athletic meeting in connection with the Boys' Own Club takes place to-day on the race course at Happy Valley, by permission of the stewards of the Jockey Club. Feeling that there are few other Whit-Monday attractions in the Colony, there will doubtless be a large attendance at this popular recreation ground, and it is safe to state that the weather conditions will be much more favourable to the spectators than to the competitors.

The officials are:—President, The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross; Vice-President, Mr. J. E. Gresson.

Judges:—Messrs. W. Logan, A. McKirdy, Frank Lammer, R. L. Bridges, A. O. Brown, H. H. Taylor, T. Chee, N. S. Moses, and A. G. de Rocha.

Referee:—Mr. A. R. Sutherland, and Dr. F. H. Kaw.

Time keepers:—Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. C. Bunji, and Mr. E. Frohlich.

Clerks of the Course:—Messrs. H. Goldenberg, J. V. Bragg, I. E. Channutt, R. J. Judah, and J. H. Osberry.

Working Committee:—Messrs. H. Goldenberg, I. E. Channutt, A. McKirdy, W. A. Wilson, J. Smith, H. J. White, Y. Abbas, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. Schaepe, I. L. Goldenberg, and C. J. Poole.

Hon. Secretary:—A. R. Ellis.

The programme contains twenty events which have been admirably arranged.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel Hamilton and officers, the band of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry will give various selections, under Band-master F. Moss.

Mrs. W. Chatham has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

CHINESE OFFENCES

Several cases came before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistrate's to-day. They all concerned Chinese and, for the most part, consisted of common offences. Amongst the cases was that of a man who was fined \$25 or a month's imprisonment for stealing a jacket.

A fine of \$2 was imposed upon a Chinese whose stall caused an obstruction.

For returning from banishment a Chinese was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. It appeared that he had been convicted on previous occasions for like offences.

Five Chinese were charged with gambling, and were each fined \$2 or five days' imprisonment. It was stated in the evidence that the defendants were found gambling upon a roof. The magistrate said that this practice was a most dangerous one.

Upon the charge-sheet was the name of a Chinese assassin, who was charged with stealing a revolver, value \$50, from the late Montague on May 25th.

NOTWORTHY VISITS TO BRITISH FLEET

By the kind invitation of Sir A. L. Winslow, Commander in Chief of the British Fleet, the Yokohama Bay Force, consisting of the British battleships, the British cruisers, and the British destroyers, will visit the harbour of Yokohama on May 28th.

SPORTING

R. C. C. Tennis Tournament

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick and Capt. Clark meet in the final on Tuesday: winner to play Mr. Green, holder.

AMATEUR HANDICAP "A" CLASS.  
Mr. Mead (over 30) plays Mr. Stevens (over 15) in the final.

AMATEUR HANDICAP "C" CLASS.  
Mr. Fyfe (over 15) plays Mr. Heerman (over 15) in the final and won by 3 sets to 1.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Messrs. Green and Abraham won from Dr. Forsyth and Lieut. Thompson in the final 8-6, 12-10, 6-1.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH.  
Today's match, Messrs. Macaskill and Fitzpatrick play Messrs. Wolf and Taylor: winning pair meet Lieut. Thompson and Williams in the final.

DOUBLES HANDICAP.  
Dr. Forsyth and Lieut. Thompson (over 40) play Messrs. Green and Abraham (over 40) to-day in the final.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick (over 15) won this event from Mr. and Mrs. Green (over 30) by 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

LEUCOS TENNIS.  
R.C.C. met Craigiegowrie on the latter's ground, on Saturday, the match resulting in a win for Kowloon by 66 games to 33.

Dr. Forsyth and Lieut. Thompson won 24, lost 9.

Messrs. Abraham and Stevens won 18, lost 15.

Lieut. Williams and Mr. Green won 24, lost 9.

Queen's College best Club de Recreation.

Y.M.C.A. V. CHINESE Y.M.C.A.  
This match was played on the Y.M.C.A. ground and resulted in a win for the Y.M.C.A. by 84 to 16. The winners' scores were:—Hickling and Josseland won 33-0; A. Vivesh and W. H. Vivesh won 27-6; Davis and Wilson won 24-9.

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SCOTTISH SPORT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

April 30

Nearly all the leading clubs are now in the field, and good weather favoured the games. The best finish on Saturday was in the match between Burnbank and Leith Franklin; the decisive run was only got in the last minute, and Franklin are to be congratulated on putting off their first engagement in what is their jubilee year.

Watsonians had an easy win, as the response of Leith Caldonians; A. W. Wilson gave some deadly bowling, and A. W. Angus (the International three-quarter) and J. B. Johnston shared well with the bat. Stewartians won comfortably from West of Scotland; the school veterans H. D. R. Davidson making a fine display.

Dundee Victoria had a light task with W. S. Whyte's XI, and F. Smith made 88 not out. In the Dunfermline game against K.H.S., Dr. A. J. Macgregor had a brightly played 84.

In the West, Uddington's defeat by Ferguslie was unexpected; Kelburne had their win, the victims being Kilmarnock and Drumpellier owed much of their success over Greenock to R. Paterson's 91.

REVENUE.

Watsonians, 182 for 6; Leith Caldonians, 78.

Edin. University, 56 for 5; East Stirlingshire, 198 for 9, closed.

Stewartians, 134 for 7; West of Scotland, 148.

Leith Franklin, 143; Burnbank, 103.

Dundee Victoria, 141 for 6; W. S. Whyte's XI, 85.

Arbroath United, 93; Cupar, 84 for 6.

Blairstown, 94; Rosie Priory, 85 for 3.

Aberdeen Univ., 109 for 3; Aberdeenshire, 136 for 7.

Dalkhousie, 44; Edin. Academicals, 37.

Pole, 70; Carlisle, 184.

Dunfermline, 204 for 2, closed; R.H.S., 157 for 4.

Uddington, 181; Ferguslie, 166.

Kelburne, 78; Kilmarnock, 55.

Greenock, 91; Drumpellier, 209.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Scottish football League season closed quietly. Nothing was at stake, and the public treated the matches with the indifference usually meted out to "friendly" fixtures.

True to their traditions, Queen's Park finished perilously near the bottom of the table, leaving the lowest place of all to St. Mirren. Only once before have the amateurs gained more points—30. It has been no easy task to induce them to take the competition seriously; but the personality of Mr. John Liddell has been responsible for a fair amount of enthusiasm.

Though again Champions of the League, Rangers have dropped one point compared with last season; while Aberdeen are 13 down; Kilmarnock, Third Lanark, Falkirk, 8; Hibernian and St. Mirren 7; Dundee, 6; Partick Thistle, 3; and Airdrieonians, 1. Clubs which have improved on last year's figures are Hearts, 18 points up; Queen's Park, 11; Hamilton Academicals, 9; Morton, 8; Motherwell, 7; Celtic, 4; and Clyde and Raith Rovers, 3.

The competition has been levelled up in a satisfactory fashion. Last season no fewer than 38 points separated the top and bottom clubs—Rangers and Queen's Park; this year, only 27 separate the first teams from the last, Rangers and St. Mirren.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

Morton, 4; Dundee, 2.

Kilmarnock, 3; Aberdeen, 0.

Rangers, 3; Motherwell, 1.

Third Lanark, 4; St. Mirren, 2.

Queen's Park, 1; Clyde, 0.

Hearts, 2; Partick Thistle, 1.

Falkirk, 2; Airdrie, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—SECOND DIVISION.

W. L. D. P.

Rangers, 24; 7; 3; 61.

Clyde, 17; 6; 11; 45.

Hearts, 19; 11; 4; 42.

Partick Thistle, 16; 8; 40.

Morton, 14; 11; 9; 49.

Falkirk, 15; 13; 6; 36.

Dundee, 15; 12; 9; 28.

Airdrieonians, 12; 14; 8; 32.

Third Lanark, 12; 15; 7; 31.

Hamilton Academicals, 14; 19; 8; 39.

Hibernian, 12; 17; 5; 29.

Raith Rovers, 9; 10; 9; 47.

Motherwell, 11; 18; 5; 27.

Kilmarnock, 11; 13; 4; 28.

Queen's Park, 8; 17; 9; 37.

St. Mirren, 17; 10; 24.

TRIAL TRIP OF LA BRANG-REU

On Sunday afternoon a large number of guests accepted the invitation to what was proved to be most enjoyable trial trip of the La Brang-Reu, the invitation being extended to several hundreds of persons by Mr. Lee Hy San, of Messrs. Seang Tai Hong, agents, and Capt. Fyfe. The trippers were fortunate in the weather experienced, indeed a more suitable day could hardly have been chosen for the voyage of the vessel round the island of Hongkong. The guests were extremely well catered for, and one and all were sorry when the journey, which occupied about 24 hours, came to an end.

Amongst those who accepted the invitation to the outing were: Messrs. M. Dyer, (chief manager of the Kowloon Dock), Mr. Jolly (the secretary), Mr. T. G. Brayfield, the owner's engineering representative, Mr. W. Russell and Mr. R. Hall, Government marine surveyors and others.

The vessel, which is registered to carry 2,200 passengers, and is engaged mostly in the emigrant business between Hongkong, Singapore and Bangkok, is of superior equipment for this class of traffic. She carries fifteen lifeboats, and has numerous rafts piled up on her upper deck, not to speak of spacious lockers with life-belts for every soul aboard should she be as full as ever she can hold. The average speed on the Admiralty's measured distance was 12.6 knots an hour, a rate of going which was considered highly satisfactory.

Altogether the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company have to be congratulated upon the prompt and highly satisfactory way in which the ship has been put into order following a collision with a H.I. boat on the Rangoon river. The owner, the Hon. Mr. Lim Chin Tong, a member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, is also to be congratulated on the possession of so fine and well-equipped a vessel for the trade. She is a four-masted, steel-timbered steamer of 5,700 tons gross, with a length of 445 ft., a breadth of 40 ft., and a depth of 20 ft., and is one of three vessels comprising the Seang Line.

THE RAILWAYS OF AUSTRALIA.

"Engineering" says that all the State Railways of Australia have to report for the last complete year for which statistics are available, 1910-11, results of a more satisfactory nature than have ever previously been achieved. This was due to a most favourable season, with the accompaniment of a bountiful harvest and heavy traffic. The total capital involved in the State and Commonwealth Railways amounts, it seems, to £149,376,750, of which amount £20,971,894 is accounted for by the New South Wales system, £44,180,774 by Victoria, £12,676,240 by South Australia, £21,019,907 by Western Australia, £27,338,104 by Queensland and £22,400,011 by the Commonwealth ownership of the two portions so far constructed of the North and South Trans-Continental line. This capital represents about 15,388 miles of railways of various gauges in operation.

The gross revenues of the system, excluding the Commonwealth lines, together amounted, to £17,528,446. The purely operating expenditure, made up of expenses in the permanent way, traffic and locomotive departments, amounted to £10,493,383. There is thus left an amount of £7,035,063 to be distributed, part of which is absorbed in paying interest on the capital loans, and in other ways. In the State of New South Wales the balance, after paying working expenses, amounted to £2,551,144. Of this £1,707,145 went in payment of interest on capital, leaving a net balance of £843,998. The Commissioners for the Victorian Railways likewise reported, on financial Engineering, an unprecedented year. Their net revenue was £1,904,536 from the railways. After payment of £1,810,724 out of the net revenue from all sources of interest and £107,830 in pensions and gratuities, a surplus of £82,977 remained, compared with £165,097 in the year before. This surplus remained after £100,000 had been devoted to the rolling stock replacement fund and £61,330 paid to the accident and insurance fund. After paying £477,632 in interest on capital, South Australia had a surplus of £110,111. The profit and loss account of this system shows that the adverse balance has been reduced from £240,011 in 1909-10 to £12,744 in 1910-11, having been wiped out as a result of the railways working since 1900. This reduction must be viewed as a very satisfactory one, and one of two more years should clear it all off the surplus account. Paying £403,501 in interest on capital, Western Australia had a surplus of £224,441 in Western Australia. This again is a figure never before reached. In 1911, more than 270,000 acres of the surplus for the previous year. The year was one of very heavy traffic and this, the principal reason, the Commissioners say, likely to continue. Queensland's conditions however, which the report was issued very soon after the close of the financial year, had been quite as favourable, and will be a most satisfactory year for the Queensland railways.

THE LATEST ARMY ORDER.

It may be safely predicted that the latest Army Order—which Reuter's Agency telegraphed to us on Saturday, and which appeared in our Second Edition of that evening, which is to the effect that "Officers are not permitted to use troops to suppress rioting without reference to the War Office," will, certainly be received with very mixed feelings. Those who are most zealous for good order and the safety of the public and their property will look upon it as a probable impediment in dealing quickly and effectively when such an emergency unhappily arises as it does from time to time and the presence of troops are necessary to suppress disorder. They will also see in it a concession to, at least, the Labour members and the Radicals. Those who are loudest in their advocacy of strikes—the Trade Union leaders and the Union men generally, who are mostly Socialists, practically all the Labour members, many Liberals and certainly every Radical, will welcome it as a curb upon what they protested against as an instrument used entirely in the interests and for the benefit of the Capitalist, the "Masters," the employers of Labour. Others, looking at the question more philosophically, and not stirred by party prejudice—beyond which few, alas, seem capable of rising—may be inclined to think that the matter is one which the War Office has determined upon after, probably, having received a hint from the Government how to act.

We are of the opinion that the Amended Regulation referred to is a concession to the forces of disorder, and not such, as of course, to be deeply deplored and strongly condemned. (If probably has its genesis in the outcry raised by the Socialists and Radicals against the presence of troops in places where industrial unrest had taken place, for such reasons, that it is not likely to be of much benefit to the public.)

It would not credit the present that



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THE PORT OF LONDON  
STRIKE.

## THE INQUIRY CLOSED.

Sir Edward Clarke's Advice.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
The Inquiry into the conditions under which the docks work was resumed yesterday, the proceedings being somewhat breezy.

## HEATED ARGUMENTS.

Mr Lambert, on behalf of the masters, vehemently denied Mr Gosling's statement that the masters desired to break up the trades union and that Mr Thomas had been employed for that purpose. He had never heard of Mr Thomas until that dispute, and he proceeded to attack Mr Gosling, whereupon Sir Edward Clarke and Mr Gosling protested.

## "KEEP THE ATMOSPHERE COOL."

Sir Edward Clarke requested Mr Lambert to help keep the atmosphere cool. He thanked Mr Gosling for his moderation yesterday.

## MEN NOT "SPOILING FOR A FIGHT."

Mr Gosling, the leader of the transport workers, denied that the men were spoiling for a fight. They insisted upon the non-unionist seaguardian watchman joining the Federation because he was the tool of the Masters' Association which was trying to nullify the men's organisation.

## THE INQUIRY CLOSED.

Sir Edward Clarke has closed the inquiry.

## SIR EDWARD CLARKE'S HOPE IN LEGISLATION.

After hearing further evidence from the masters, who complained that the men were called out through apparently no grievance, Sir Edward Clarke in his concluding speech urged the necessity for averting an extended strike and emphasised that no succession of strikes would ever compel non-unionists and masters to obey the unions. He was hopeful, however, that legislation would greatly solve the industrial difficulties. He would do his best to make a fair report in the earliest possible time, and complimented both sides on their conduct.

## SHIPOWNERS' MANIFESTO.

The shipowners issued a manifesto last night in which they accuse the men of breaking the agreements which permit unionists to work with non-unionists.

The London Carmen's Union declared a strike last night.

## THE STRIKERS' LATEST DEMAND.

The strikers, augmented by the carmen, are demanding a sixty-hours week and an increase of pay. The total number out on strike to-night is 120,000.

Everything is orderly, and the Port of London special police precautions are unnecessary. The railways are suspending their goods traffic with the port and the British continental steamship companies are suspending their sailings.

## HOME SECRETARY VISITS THE DOCKS.

Mr McKenna visited the docks and reported to His Majesty that the foreign produce market and Covent Garden were chiefly affected by the strike of porters, much continental fruit and vegetables going to waste.

## TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEMONSTRATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
100,000 transport workers held a demonstration at Trafalgar Square, London. A large contingent of police were on duty, but the strikers were very orderly. They passed a resolution demanding a uniform rate of 10d. per hour, and an overtime rate of 1s. 2d., also that none of the men were to return to work until all grievances were satisfied.

## THE RAILWAYMEN'S ATTITUDE.

A meeting of railwaymen will be held to-day to consider the possibility of a strike in support of the transport workers.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## VESSELS UNABLE TO UNLOAD.

300 vessels are lying in the Thames unable to discharge fruit, vegetables and grain. Several jam and other factories have closed down for want of raw material. The prices of food are rising.

## A "FAR GREATER" MINERS' STRIKE BEING ORGANISED.

At a Miners' Demonstration held at Durham, Mr Lowther, of the Labour College, declared that they were organising, before the end of the year, a far greater strike than the last one.

## EMPIRE DAY CUP SHOOTING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
In the shooting for the Schumacher Empire Day Cup, seventy-one provisional scores have been received. The final scores will be published at the beginning of July. Following are the highest scores:

1st Juhapura	3791
1st Lincolnshires, Aden	3213
H.M. "Pembroke"	3199
Garrison Artillery, Capetown	3183
1st King's Own Regiment, Lucknow	3080
1st Royal Warwicks, Bombay	3066
2nd Worcestershires, Jhansi	3054
2nd Battalion 1st Gurkhas, Dharmasala	3006
2nd Battalion King's Royal Rifles	2995
Royal Marine Artillery	2973
2nd Hampshire, Mauritius	2969
10th Hazara Pioneers, Quetta	2965
26th Punjab, Hongkong	2930
35th Sikhs, Rawal Pindi	2878
1st Seaforth's, Agra	2841
2nd Buffs, Singapore	2827
15th Sikhs, Nawshera	2816
1st Middlesex, Dinapore	2811
2nd Battalion 30th Garhwal Rifles, Lansdowne	2789
2nd Somerset Light Infantry, Tientsin	2789
Witwatersrand Rifles	2659
1st Wiltshires, Maritzburg	2602
1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, Pretoria	2577
Transvaal Cycle and Motor Corps	2193
Transvaal Scottish	2049

## THE COFFEE TRUST.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
A Washington telegram reports that the State Department has informed the Brazilian Minister that the Department will not interfere in holding up coffee under the valorisation scheme pending the decision of the Federal Court.

## THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

## GROWING RAPIDLY; WHITES PANIC-STRICKEN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
A New York message states that the latest reports say that the insurrection is growing rapidly. The revolutionaries have cut the railway and telegraph lines. The whites in the Oriente Province are panic-stricken and have fled to the cities for refuge. The American planters have requested the protection of the United States bluejackets.

Washington telegrams state that the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Atlantic Fleet have been ordered to Key West in readiness to proceed to Cuba.

Reuter's New York correspondent telegraphs that a decisive engagement between the Cuban Government troops and the rebels is expected shortly.

The latter are reported by Wellman to be increasing in numbers rapidly.

## A DOZEN U.S. WARSHIPS NEAR CUBA.

A telegram from Washington states that altogether a dozen warships will be in the vicinity of Cuba in a few days. The United States are prepared with an Expeditionary Force if needed.

## FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
General Lyauty, the new Resident-General, entered Fez yesterday with an imposing display of force.

## GERMAN AIRSHIP DESTROYED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
A Berlin telegram reports that the airship Persival VI, designed and built by the Zeppelin Works at Friedrichshafen, was destroyed by fire on May 25th.

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WILD SCENES AT LISBON.

## ROYALIST CONSPIRATORS' TRIAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 27.  
A telegram from Lisbon says that the trial of the Royalist conspirators was resumed, but was adjourned amidst wild scenes. The mob attacked the witnesses, and broke the lines of the troops. They also overturned the van conveying conspirators to prison, to which they were compelled to walk, surrounded by troops. Several were wounded.

## THE O'BRIENITES OFFER.

## READY TO "BURY THE HATCHET."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 27.  
At a Convention held in Cork in connection with the "All for Ireland" League, Mr O'Brien declared that he was ready to "bury the hatchet" and the Redmondites in an effort to force the Government to make the Home Rule Bill acceptable to Ireland.

## BRITAIN AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

## AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 27.  
A telegram from Alexandria states that Lord Kitchener has started for Malta to meet Mr Asquith and Mr Churchill.

## HOME CRICKET.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
Lancashire beat Leicestershire by an innings and 273 runs at Manchester.

In the Sussex v. Derbyshire match, played at Brighton, the former won by eight wickets.

The Australians won against Oxford University at Oxford by ten wickets.

In the test trial match at Lords Marylebone beat the Rest of England by an innings and ten wickets. South Africans won against Worcestershire at Worcester by an innings and 42 runs.

Cambridge University beat Yorkshire at Cambridge by four wickets. At Bristol Gloucestershire beat Hampshire by 76 runs.

## THE ENTENTE CORDIALE.

## BRITISH CHILDREN IN PARIS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
Eight hundred London Board School children left for Paris to participate in the international musical festival. There was wild enthusiasm as they took their departure.

## AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

An enthusiastic crowd in Paris welcomed the London school children on their arrival at the station. They take part in the musical festival in which 497 bands, orchestras and choirs participate, including 66 who are British. The festival was inaugurated in the evening by a military tattoo. Scenes of great enthusiasm were witnessed in the streets.

## EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
The London Stock Exchange sang the National Anthem and decorated the memorial to those who fell in South Africa, with a laurel wreath. Gibraltar arranged for a week of festivities. The Alameda Parade is transformed into a fair. A noteworthy feature is the participation of the band from a French warship and Spanish military bands.

## NEGRO LYNCHED IN TEXAS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
At Tyler, in Texas, a mob of ten thousand burned a negro at the stake who confessed to having raped a white girl.

## THREATENED STRIKE OF GERMAN AVIATORS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, May 26.  
Berlin telegraphs that the League of German Aviators have threatened to go on strike in the flying week unless the manufacturers concede the nine hours wage of six months.

## MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd.

in their Manchester weekly market report dated May 2, state:—Liverpool Cotton:—Mid-American spot, to-day 6.23, last week 6.57. Mid-American current month, to-day 6.04, last week 6.33. F.G.F. Egyptian spot, to-day 5.4, last week 5.4. New York Cotton spot-cents, yesterday 11.40, last week 11.35. London Bar Silver to-day 23.4, last week 27.4. London Bank of Eng. Rate, to-day 34.7, last week 34.7.

The Cotton figures from August 31st last to last Friday are:—Liverpool Stock.—All kinds of Cotton, this year 1,387,000 bales; last year 1,034,190. Liverpool Stock.—American Cotton, this year 1,253,000 bales; last year 904,230. American Cotton into sight, this year 14,643,000 bales; last year 14,186,000.

Receipts at American Ports, this year 11,333,000 bales; last year 9,097,000. Visible Supply.—All kinds of Cotton, 5,029,000 bales; last year 3,666,000. Visible Supply.—American Cotton, this year 3,839,000 bales; last year 2,432,000. Visible Supply.—Egyptian Cotton, this year 290,000 bales; last year 270,000. Visible Supply.—East Indian Cotton, this year 93,000 bales; last year 222,000. Visible Supply.—Other kinds of Cotton, this year 77,000 bales; last year 74,000.

The movement of American cotton "in-o-sight" for the week ending the 26th ult., was 183,000 bales, and last year, for the corresponding week it was 59,000 bales—the "out of sight" figures i.e. deliveries to the world's spinners were 238,000 bales, and last year 172,000 bales.

The reports on the weather in the cotton growing States of America continued better on the date of our last and two following days, bringing New York to 11.70 and Liverpool spot to 6.45 on the 27th ult., a drop of 25 and 22 points respectively in three days. Texas had good weather conditions all round last week. Yesterday Liverpool was 6.41 spot after a previous jump to 6.48, and New York to 11.60 on the 26th ult., recovering to 11.70 the following day, while yesterday the figure was at quoted above.

Next month early we shall begin to receive the regular monthly agricultural Bureau reports on the condition of the next American crop, but as a matter of fact, little reliability can be placed upon these reports for the next six months, and the cotton-markets will be manipulated and influenced by interested parties as usual in previous years. Owing to the scarcity last year, the present big crop will not apparently be sufficient to prevent outside speculation.

Of course it is possible that the new crop, though late, may be found sufficiently fortunate as regards weather conditions to help to keep prices down to a workable level. On the other hand we have already seen how speculators sent up prices on bad weather reports and under similar conditions, they can do it again. The course of prices in the near future is therefore uncertain, and they will probably fluctuate according to crop conditions.

At Liverpool a retreat to about sixpenny cotton would be welcome, and with fluctuations around that figure, there is no doubt a further large amount of business could be done during the remainder of this year. Advances upwards with present mill margins would do doubt reduce business proportionately.

Our market for piece goods and yarns continues quiet but steady. The mills are probably now all running again after being stopped for coal. The local carters' strike is settled, and we hope to have a clear course for a while, free from the worries of strikes and lock-outs. The mails from India to the 11th ult., do not announce the handing over of even a portion of the big loan, but Shanghai was quiet, clearness locally were fairly good, and no doubt when the Government receive the Loan, business will be resumed on former lines and rapidly extended. Silver is high just now, last week over 23d. per oz. and this fact would have helped to look forward business for China if other circumstances had been favourable. It appears the advance in Silver is chiefly owing to purchases for India and anticipations that further quantities will be required for the currency there; the advance was also partly assisted by probable party requirements for China.

Business goes on in Essex Goods if all kinds for India, Straits, Ceylon, Egypt and Turkey to quite a fair extent. China also buys occasionally for special requirements, and generally elsewhere there is a moderate demand, further next together two there must be some considerable buying for shipments Nov/Feb. or later, and if India is favoured with the right kind of S. W. Monsoon, she will wish to purchase on a large scale for arrivals during the first half of next year.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, Watkiss' Buildings No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on the 31st MAY, 1912, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 30th May to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

CHAN A FOOK.

G. A. WATKINS.

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 14, 1912.

## WATKINS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF WATKINS LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office, Watkiss' Buildings, No. 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of May, 1912, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution, the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That the Company be wound-up voluntarily, and that HARRY ALFRED MORRISON WILLIAMS, Incorporated Accountant of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up."

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

A. WATKINS.

CHAN A FOOK.

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 14, 1912.

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